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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2007, Applicants hereby request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136, Applicants petition that the period for response be extended to January 28, 2008.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4.

Remarks begin on page 7.